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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJ: ICRC, AND LOS CONFERENCES: PRG AND KHMER ISSUES

REFS: A. STATE 119973; B. STATE 121451

1. EMBOFF CALLED JUNE 21 ON FON MIN DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS MELEDJE TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF PARTICIPATION AT ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS (REF A) AND AT LOS CONFERENCE (REF B) AND TO LEAVE AIDE-MEMOIRES, WHICH MELEDJE PROMISED GIVE FOR MIN USHER FOLLOWING HIS RETURN ABIDJAN JUNE 22. EMBOFF PLACED EMPHASIS ON POINT THAT SEATING OF BOTH MEETINGS HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED IN DECEMBER FOR LOS AND FEBRUARY FOR ICRC AND REITERATED US VIEW RE LACK OF BONA FIDES OF PRG AND GRUNK.

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2. IN REPLY MELEDJE MADE CLEAR GOIC PRINCIPLE THAT, IN CASES OF DISPUTE OVER REPRESENTATION, IT SUPPORTS THOSE GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH IT MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND SAID THIS THE CASE FOR BOTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. THIS PRINCIPLE WILL BE ADHERED TO FOR BOTH CONFERENCES, UNLESS THE CHIEF OF STATE DECIDES DIFFERENTLY FOR THEM, WHICH HE HAS NOT DONE TO DATE, MELEDJE ASSURED. HE ADMITTED THAT THE IVORIAN ABSTENTION ON PRG REPRESENTATION AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY WAS A FLUKE. HE SAID MINISTER USHER AND DELEGATION WERE CARRYING APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS BUT THEIR ARRIVAL IN GENEVA WAS DELAYED AND IVORIAN SEATED AT CONFERENCE, NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO, DECIDED IT WAS SIMPLEST TO ABSTAIN. HE SAID THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

3. WITH RESPECT ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS, MELEDJE SAID HE HAD DRAFTED REPLY HIMSELF TO ICRC NOTE AND GOIC HAS FORWARDED IT TO GENEVA. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ICRC HAD EXCEEDED ITS INSTRUCTIONS IN RAISING PRG ISSUES AND CLAIMS THIS CONTAINED IN IVORIAN RESPONSE.

4. AS FOR CARACAS, HE STATED GOIC WOULD ADHERE TO ITS USUAL POLICY OF SUPPORTING THOSE STATES WITH WHICH IT MAINTAINS RELATIONS. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF IVORIAN STANCE ON GRUNK AND PRG AT CARACAS IN VIEW OF MEMBERSHIP ON CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. MELEDJE PROMISED DISCUSS THIS SPECIFICALLY WITH MINISTER USHER. (EMBOFF HAD ALSO SPOKEN WITH FONMIN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES CHIEF TANOE JUST PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR CARACAS JUNE 20 TO STATE POSITION. TANOE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT BETTER NOT TO OPEN AT ALL QUESTION OF CREDENTIALS OR REPRESENTATION AT LOS CONFERENCE.)

5. COMMENT: BOTH WE AND VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR NGUYEN VAN LOC (WHO HAS MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHES) AGREE THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE MUCH DOUBT ABOUT IVORIAN NEGATIVE VOTE ON PRG PARTICIPATION IN EITHER CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, WE BOTH BELIEVE FAVORABLE IVORIAN SUPPORT FOR GRK VIS-A-VIS GRUNK MUCH LESS SURE THAN MELEDJE WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE.

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